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Application of: Nicholls

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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING A
SHAPE SPACE FOR A SET OF
MOLECULES USING MINIMAL
METRIC DISTANCES (as amended herein)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Examiner's office action, mailed September 10, 2002, please amend the specification and pending claims as indicated, and consider the remarks presented hereinbelow. This amendment is accompanied by (a) Appendix A showing amended paragraphs of the specification; (b) Appendix B showing amendments to Claim 1; (c) Substitute Abstract; (d) Substitute pages 34A and 34B to replace page 34 of the specification as filed; (e) Information disclosure statement; (f) PTO 1449-form and accompanying reference; (g) Petition for Extension of Time for three months, from December 10, 2002, to and including March 10, 2003; and (h) fee transmittal sheet.

AMENDMENT

In The Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 1, please replace the Title beginning "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ..." with the following title: